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Beverley K. Swaim-Staley, Secretary
Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT)
7201 Corporate Center Drive, POB 548
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Dear Secretary Swaim-Staley:

The City of College Park City Council reviewed the FY 2012-2017 Draft Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) and supports the overarching goals and priorities outlined in the document. Targeting investments in relation to the Governor's broader sustainability agenda makes strategic sense and College Park is a sustainable community that wants to be a partner with MDOT in furthering these goals.

Specifically, the City Council offers the following comments on the Draft CTP:

US 1, Baltimore Avenue Reconstruction

The City would like to thank you for identifying federal funds to be used to initiate the engineering for the first phase of this project. Revitalizing the Route 1 corridor is one of the City's top priorities and we have long sought a way to move this project forward. The private sector has begun to invest in significant new mixed-use development along the corridor and public sector infrastructure improvements need to keep pace or these investments won't continue.

Engineering funds are currently shown with the largest expenditure in FY2015. Accelerating the design process to spend more of these funds in earlier years would be very helpful in making up for lost time due to the lack of funding over the last five years since project planning has been completed.

TOD Designation

The City continues to seek official designation of the College Park-University of Maryland Metro Station as a Transit-Oriented Development site. This request was made last year and the City is anxious to do whatever it can to foster partnerships and hasten development in this area. The potential for successful development at this location is huge. Many preliminary steps have already been



taken to set the stage for this development and a substantial amount of public land is available to be leveraged.

Purple Line and Marc Expansion

The City will benefit greatly from the implementation of these projects and supports the state's efforts to grow its public transit network.

Bicycle and Pedestrian Programs

The provision of safe infrastructure to support walking and biking is a statewide need and the City is slated to prepare a Bicycle Master Plan this year and is partnering with the University of Maryland to address gaps in our bicycle network and construct needed facilities. The City supports any state programs that can assist in this effort and looks forward to the opportunity to implement bike sharing in our community with the assistance of the state.

The College Park City Council appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on the CTP and looks forward to working closely with MDOT to achieve sustainability goals.

Sincerely,



Andrew Fellows
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